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INTRODUCES RESOLUTION

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: DURING COORDINATION OF SECURITY COUNCIL
CONSIDERATION OF LEBANESE SITUATION MARCH 18, THE US
INTRODUCED A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR RESPECT FOR
LEBANON'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, SOVEREIGNTY AND POLITICAL
INDEPENDENCE, ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL AND CESSATION OF MILITARY

ACTIONS, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A UN INTERIM FORCE. OTHER SPEAKERS IN MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSIONS WERE EGYPT, FRANCE, LEBANON, NIGERIA, VIETNAM, YEMEN, KUWAIT, CANADA, FRG, INDIA AND USSR. A VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION IS EXPECTED AT THE MORNING COUNCIL SESSION SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 19.
END SUMMARY

2. EGYPT (MEGUID) MADE THE OPENING STATEMENT IN THE MORNING SESSION. MEGUID VOICED SHARP CRITICISM OF ISRAEL'S "DELIBERATE POLICY" OF "GRADUAL EXPANSION" AND ITS "OCCUPATION OF YET ANOTHER COUNTRY." MEGUID SUGGESTED THAT THE PERMANENT PRESENCE OF ISRAELI TROOPS ON THE LEBANESE SIDE OF THE BORDER HAS ALWAYS BEEN AN ISRAELI AIM, AND HE ASSERTED THAT ISRAELI DISCLAIMERS OF ANY INTENTION TO OCCUPY LEBANESE TERRITORY ARE BELIED BY THE FACTS. MEGUID WARNED THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO BE WARY OF SUCH ISRAELI STATEMENTS AND TO "ASSERT ITSELF IN THE FACE OF ISRAELI ARROGANCE." MEGUID CRITICIZED ISRAEL FOR MAKING AN "ORGANIZED ATTEMPT AT THE EXTERMINATION OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE," AND HE ACCUSED ISRAEL OF AIMING TO ELIMINATE PALESTINIANS MERELY BECAUSE THEY ARE PALESTINIANS. MEGUID WENT ON TO DECRY ISRAEL'S "NEW INTERPRETATION OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242," ISRAEL'S SETTLEMENT POLICIES IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, AS WELL AS THE CURRENT INCURSION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON. MEGUID DECLARED THAT THESE ISRAELI ATTITUDES AND POLICIES
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IMPEDE THE PEACE EFFORTS AND HERALD FURTHER PROBLEMS IN THE FUTURE. MEGUID CALLED UPON THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO CALL FOR THE IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL WITHDRAWAL OF ALL ISRAELI FORCES FROM LEBANON AND TO END THE VIOLATION OF THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF LEBANON. MEGUID WARNED THE COUNCIL NOT TO ALLOW ITSELF TO BE DISTRACTED BY "DILATORY TACTICS." MEGUID SUGGESTED THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL MAY WISH TO REQUEST THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO REPORT ON THE COMPLIANCE OF ISRAEL WITH SUCH A CALL FOR WITHDRAWAL; HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL MIGHT BE ASSISTED IN THIS TASK BY MEMBERS OF UNTSO ALREADY IN THE AREA. MEGUID BELIEVED THAT MEMBERS OF UNTSO SHOULD RETURN TO THEIR OBSERVATION POINTS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON.

3. BISHARA OF KUWAIT DESCRIBED THE ISRAELI INCURSION AS A "WELL COORDINATED AND PREMEDITATED INVASION" WHICH "DEMONSTRATES ISRAEL'S UNBRIDLED LUST FOR NEW LAND AND NEW GAINS." HE DECLARED THAT THE ISRAELI ACTION "MAKES A MOCKERY OF THE UN," AND HE ASSERTED THAT THE "INCURSION WAS DESIGNED TO ANNIHILATE THE PEOPLE OF PALESTINE." BISHARA CALLED UPON THE COUNCIL TO CONDEMN

ISRAEL FOR ITS "BARBARIC ACTION" AND TO ACT IMMEDIATELY TO "STOP THE GENOCIDE," TO PRESERVE THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF LEBANON, AND TO DEMAND THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI TROOPS FROM LEBANON.

4. HUSSON OF FRANCE NOTED THAT FRANCE REGARDS TERRORIST ACTS AS REPREHENSIBLE AND THAT ITS ATTITUDE IS THE SAME TOWARD REPRISALS. HUSSON DEPLORED "FUTILE AND BLOODY OUTBREAKS," WHICH HARM EFFORTS FOR PEACE. HUSSON STATED THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL MUST SEEK TO AFFIRM THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND SOVEREIGNTY OF LEBANON, TO ARRANGE FOR A CEASE-FIRE, AND TO SECURE THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI FORCES FROM LEBANON. HUSSON NOTED

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THAT FRANCE WOULD CONSIDER ANY PROPOSAL TO INVOLVE A UN FORCE IN RESTORING PEACE IN SOUTHERN LEBANON. HUSSON CONCLUDED THAT THE QUESTION OF SOUTHERN LEBANON CANNOT UNCLASSIFIED

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BE DIVORCED FROM THE BROADER QUESTION OF THE QUEST FOR PEACE.

5. HARRIMAN OF NIGERIA CALLED THE ISRAELI INCURSION A "FULL-SCALE WAR AGAINST LEBANON" AND "AN ACT OF TERRORISM." HARRIMAN ASSERTED THAT THE WEST HAD ARMED ISRAEL TO PROTECT THE WEST'S INTERESTS IN THAT AREA, JUST AS THE WEST HAD ARMED SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA. HARRIMAN ASKED THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO CALL ON ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW IMMEDIATELY AND UNCONDITIONALLY FROM LEBANON.

6. BA OF VIETNAM MADE A STANDARD POLEMICAL STATEMENT EXPRESSING VIETNAM'S "FULL SOLIDARITY WITH THE PALESTINIAN AND LEBANESE PEOPLES" AND CONDEMNING ISRAEL'S "BLATANT AGGRESSION" IN SOUTHERN LEBANON. BA CALLED UPON THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO CONDEMN THE ISRAELI ACTIONS AND TO TAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO RESTORE LEBANESE SOVEREIGNTY IN SOUTHERN LEBANON.

7. AL HADDAD OF YEMEN DECRIED ISRAEL'S "CRIMINAL AND PREMEDITATED AGGRESSION" AND ASSERTED THAT ISRAEL IS AN ENTITY "BORN OUT OF TERRORISM." HE DEMANDED THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL ACT TO BRING ABOUT A CESSATION OF AGGRESSION AGAINST LEBANON AND THE UNCONDITIONAL WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI FORCES FROM SOUTHERN LEBANON.

8. TUENI OF LEBANON CALLED UPON THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO REACH AN EARLY AGREEMENT TO PUT AN END TO THE HOSTILITIES IN SOUTHERN LEBANON.

9. IN THE AFTERNOON (EVENING) SESSION BARTON OF CANADA DEPLORED THE RECENT TERRORIST ATTACK ON ISRAELI CITIZENS BUT NOTED THAT HE MUST EQUALLY DEPLORE THE MASSIVE ISRAELI UNCLASSIFIED

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MILITARY OPERATION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON. BARTON CALLED FOR AN END TO THE HOSTILITIES IN LEBANON AND THE CREATION OF CONDITIONS IN WHICH THE PEACE INITIATIVES CAN BE RESUMED.

BARTON STATED THAT ISRAELI FORCES MUST WITHDRAW FROM SOUTHERN LEBANON BUT NOTED THAT A CALL FOR WITHDRAWAL WOULD NOT SUFFICE UNLESS MEANS WERE FOUND TO ENSURE ORDER IN THE BORDER AREA. BARTON SUPPORTED THE INTRODUCTION OF A UN FORCE IN ORDER TO STABILIZE THE SITUATION, TO HELP RESTORE THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF LEBANON, AND TO HELP CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE CONDUCIVE TO FURTHER PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. BARTON SAID THAT CANADA IS PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE TROOPS TO A PEACEKEEPING FORCE PROVIDING CANADA WOULD BE SATISFIED THAT ITS CONTINGENT COULD FULFILL MANDATE.

10. US AMB. YOUNG INTRODUCED A DRAFT RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL AND ESTABLISHING A UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE (FULL TEXT IN FINAL PARAGRAPH). AMB. YOUNG STATED THAT THE PEACEKEEPING FORCE SHOULD BE OF LIMITED DURATION AND THAT SUCH A FORCE SHOULD RESTORE PEACE AND SECURITY TO THE AREA AND TRANSFER EFFECTIVE AUTHORITY TO THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT. SEE SEPTTEL FOR FULL TEXT OF AMB. YOUNG'S STATEMENT.

11. VON WECHMAR OF THE FRG CALLED UPON THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO FIND A SOLUTION AFFIRMING RESPECT FOR THE SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ALL STATES IN THE AREA, BRINGING ABOUT THE IMMEDIATE CESSATION OF MILITARY ACTIVITY BY ISRAEL ON LEBANESE TERRITORY, AFFIRMING THE POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE OF LEBANON, AND ASSURING THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI TROOPS FROM LEBANON. VON WECHMAR FAVORED A STRONG UN ROLE AND CALLED FOR THE IMMEDIATE SETTING UP OF A PEACEKEEPING FORCE, PREFERABLY OF TROOPS FROM STATES WHICH ARE NOT PERMANENT

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MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. VON WECHMAR VOICED
HIS SUPPORT FOR THE US DRAFT RESOLUTION.

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12. JAIPAL OF INDIA CRITICIZED THE ISRAELI INCURSION AND
REITERATED INDIA'S POSITION THAT A MIDDLE EAST PEACE
SETTLEMENT MUST BE BASED ON ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL
OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES AND THE RESTORATION OF THE
LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS. JAIPAL PUT
FORWARD THE PRINCIPLE THAT AGGRESSORS SHOULD
WITHDRAW UNCONDITIONALLY FROM TERRITORY THEY HAVE
SEIZED, AND HE SAID HE WOULD HOPE THAT A UN FORCE
WOULD NOT HAVE TO BE INTRODUCED TO ENSURE WITHDRAWAL
FROM TERRITORY IN EVERY CASE OF AGGRESSION. IN
CASES WHERE A UN ROLE WOULD BE NECESSARY, JAIPAL JUDGED
THAT SUCH A FORCE SHOULD NOT BE INVOLVED IN THE
MAINTENANCE OF INTERNAL LAW AND ORDER.

13. TROYANOVSKY OF THE USSR ISSUED A STANDARD ANTI-ISRAELI
DIATRIBE AND CALLED THE ISRAELI INCURSION INTO SOUTHERN
LEBANON "ANOTHER LINK IN A WHOLE CHAIN OF ISRAELI
AGGRESSION AGAINST ARAB STATES." TROYANOVSKY
ASSERTED THAT THE ISRAELI ACTION WAS A "PREMEDITATED
ACTION INTENDED TO EXTERMINATE THE PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE
MOVEMENT." TROYANOVSKY REFERRED TO THE ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN
PEACE TALKS AS A "SCREEN ALLOWING ISRAELI AGGRESSION"
AND DECLARED THAT THE TALKS COULD NOT SUCCEED. HE

REITERATED THE STANDARD SOVIET CONDITIONS FOR A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT. TROYANOVSKY CALLED UPON THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO "SEVERELY CONDEMN" THE ISRAELI ACTIONS TO TAKE STEPS TO PUT AN END TO ISRAELI AGGRESSION, AND TO SECURE ISRAEL'S IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL FROM LEBANON.

14. THE SECURITY COUNCIL WILL MEET AGAIN ON THE MORNING OF SUNDAY, MARCH 19. IT IS SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT RICHARD'S INTENTION TO BRING THE US DRAFT RESOLUTION TO A VOTE AT THAT MEETING.
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15. FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY US:

BEGIN TEXT:

THE SECURITY COUNCIL,

TAKING NOTE OF THE LETTERS OF THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF LEBANON (S/12600 AND S/12606) AND THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ISRAEL (S/12607),

HAVING HEARD THE STATEMENTS OF THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF LEBANON AND ISRAEL,

GRAVELY CONCERNED AT THE DETERIORATION OF THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND ITS CONSEQUENCES TO THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE,

CONVINCED THAT THE PRESENT SITUATION IMPEDES THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A JUST PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST,

1. CALLS FOR STRICT RESPECT FOR THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY SOVEREIGNTY AND POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE OF LEBANON WITHIN ITS INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES;

2. CALLS UPON ISRAEL IMMEDIATELY TO CEASE ITS MILITARY ACTION AGAINST LEBANESE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND WITHDRAW FORTHWITH ITS FORCES FROM ALL LEBANESE TERRITORY;

3. DECIDES IN THE LIGHT OF THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON, TO ESTABLISH IMMEDIATELY UNDER ITS AUTHORITY A UNITED NATIONS INTERIM FORCE FOR SOUTHERN LEBANON FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI FORCES, RESTORING INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY AND ASSISTING THE GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON IN ENSURING THE RETURN OF ITS
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EFFECTIVE AUTHORITY IN THE AREA, THE FORCE TO BE COMPOSED
OF PERSONNEL DRAWN FROM STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED
NATIONS;

4. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO REPORT TO THE
COUNCIL WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
THIS RESOLUTION. END TEXT YOUNG

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